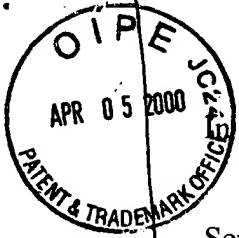


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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 5, 2000, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendment and response:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 3, 9, 10 and 20.

Please amend the following claims:

- 1 1. (Amended) An extensible and replaceable layered component computing ar-
- 2 rangement residing on a computer coupled to a computer network, the layered arrange-
- 3 ment comprising:

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